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Retiree wins \$1M,
then \$2M in lottery

ST. LOUIS—The odds against winning \$1 million in the lottery: Astronomical. How about doing it twice?
It happened to a man from Missouri, lottery officials said on Tuesday.
Ernest Patten, 57, won \$1 million with a "100 Million Dollar Blockbuster" Scratchers ticket in June. And this month, he won \$2 million with another ticket.

BY JIM AUSTIN

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RH bill solons urge P-Noy: Be steadfast

Palace: No change in stand of President

By TJ Borgeles

PRESIDENT AQUINO should be "steadfast" in his position on giving couples the choice to use contraceptives in the face of strong Church opposition, members of the House of Representatives said yesterday.

"It's hard to give the President unwavering advice. He knows what to do in dealing with the Church. I'd like to think that the President would be steadfast in his position on voluntary family planning, birth spacing and contraceptive use," House Minority Leader Edcel Magsaysay told reporters at a briefing.

Gabriel Pao, Lucanville, Bataan, agreed. "If he's going to consider a dialogue with Church representatives, he should be firm in his stand. He should not budge down. The purpose of these groups would be to pressure him."

BY JIM AUSTIN



COMFORTING THE AFFLICTED—President Aquino visits Reina Laurel at Philippine General Hospital on Monday. Laurel, one of the blast victims seriously injured in Sunday's grenade attack near De La Salle University, had both her legs amputated. The President shared his experience when he sustained grave injuries during the 1987 coup attempt and discussed with Laurel and her mother the process of healing and recovery. He also pledged assistance to the Laurel family.

Aquino visits blast victims, warns attackers

By Christine O. Arcanilla,
DJ Yap and Marlon Barrios

TOUCHED BY a meeting with four hospitalized victims of Sunday's grenade explosion yesterday, President Aquino called on his attackers to surrender at once for the full force of the law.

A day after he returned from the United States, the President, without much fanfare, paid a visit to the severely wounded female law students at Philippine General Hospital (PGH) and Manila Doctors Hospital.

Mr. Aquino later issued a strong statement, saying he was "taking a personal

interest in this case" by providing not only assistance to all 44 blast victims but also ordering authorities to solve the crime "as soon as possible."

"I consider this a serious matter because many of the victims were women and students preparing for their future education."

AQUINO 3A

NO 1 SUSPECT—Arnel Ampatuan Jr. (in handcuffs), the main defendant in the country's worst massacre, is escorted by a jail guard to a court inside Camp Baguio Drive on Wednesday for the murder trial.

Ampatuan lawyers grill star witness for 4 hours

By Philip C. Tobiasz

"BY YOUR OWN testimony, you were clearly part to the conspiracy that you described. Isn't it true that you did state that the people you have shamelessly implicated?" defense lawyer Gregorio Norraza said as he sought to push aside in star witness Leticia Sison's earlier testimony and impugn his credibility.

At the resumption of the trial at the heavily guarded Camp Baguio Drive in

Not for birds only; gov't to put more rice on plates of poor

AFTER 36 YEARS working as a well-known actor, Billy Mendoza believes farmers are the most serious threat to the country's rice granaries, their dirty, sick-looking birds stink more than the smell of any rice variety.

"Most are also a problem, but based on my long experience the birds are more destructive," Mendoza said, adding the many failed efforts he has

NOT FOR BIRDS 3A



UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED—A couple and their three young children are caught on camera riding a motorbike along UN Avenue in Manila on Wednesday—all without protective head gear. A rash of accidents involving motorbike riders has prompted government authorities to crack down on violators.

'Jueteng' listers want equal time

By GEC Cabanogon Jr.

CONGRESSMEN, governors and mayors who were identified as "jueteng" promoters in separate lists prepared by retired Archbishop Oscar Cruz and Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago are asking the Senate to give them a chance to clear their names at the hearings of

the blue ribbon committee. This related story on Page A2.1.
The blue ribbon committee is scheduled to resume its jueteng probe today with Enod Governor, House Secretary Jesse M. Robredo and Philippine National Police Director General Raul M. Baccala among those invited.
Senate Undersecretary Rhea E. Pano said former PNP chief Jo-

son Quinsac had already advised the committee that they would be absent. Cruz accused Pano and Victoria of such involving between P1 million and P8 million a month in jueteng payoffs since July. Victoria denied such charges.
Officials from the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Anti-Money Laundering Agency (AMLA)

JUETENG 3A

No House vs SC crisis on Mercer case

By TJ Borgeles

IT MAY ALL BE SOUND and fully satisfying nothing but pyrotechnics.

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the former President at the house of the Senators was

accusing the impeachment of Mercedes Gutierrez whom she appointed Ombudsman, close not to say anything to the center move by allies of President Aquino.

But Congress de Oro Rep. Felix Rodriguez said that even

Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. had acknowledged that the vote would be rendered moot given that the chamber could not conduct hearings in the next four weeks, and by that time, there might already be a high court

NO HOUSE 3A

Strike 1: Ecija chief cop fired over 'jueteng'

GRANDSTAND CITY—A police chief of a Marikina Ecija town became the first casualty of the Philippine National Police's crackdown policy against "jueteng."
His relief also offered a glimpse into the close ties between the illegal numbers racket and the government-run Small Town Lottery (STL).
Senior Supt. Valentin Aligaya, Marikina Ecija police director, yesterday said Chief Insp. Peter Madro was removed as police chief of Cabaos town following the arrest of four people in a heist spree for running STL, bookies, or illegal card games.

Aligaya said police in the

STRIKE 1 3A

Mas malinamnam ang pagkain pag may



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AFP vows to cooperate with review of 'Morong 43' case

THE ARMED Forces of the Philippines (AFP) wanted that the 43 extrajudicially executed men arrested in Morong, Rizal on Feb. 8 were not part of the Human Rights (HR) review, announced that the military will "cooperate" with the justice department review of the case.

The reviewed "Morong 43" have been changed to court with illegal prosecution of firearms and explosives, a non-military offense.

"The Armed Forces will cooperate with any investigating authority that will ask for our participation in the review and investigation of the Morong case. We will be providing details and evidence that we

have, if needed," said military spokesman Maj. Gen. Jose Mariano Jr.

He added that the AFP will not provide military personnel involved in the case.

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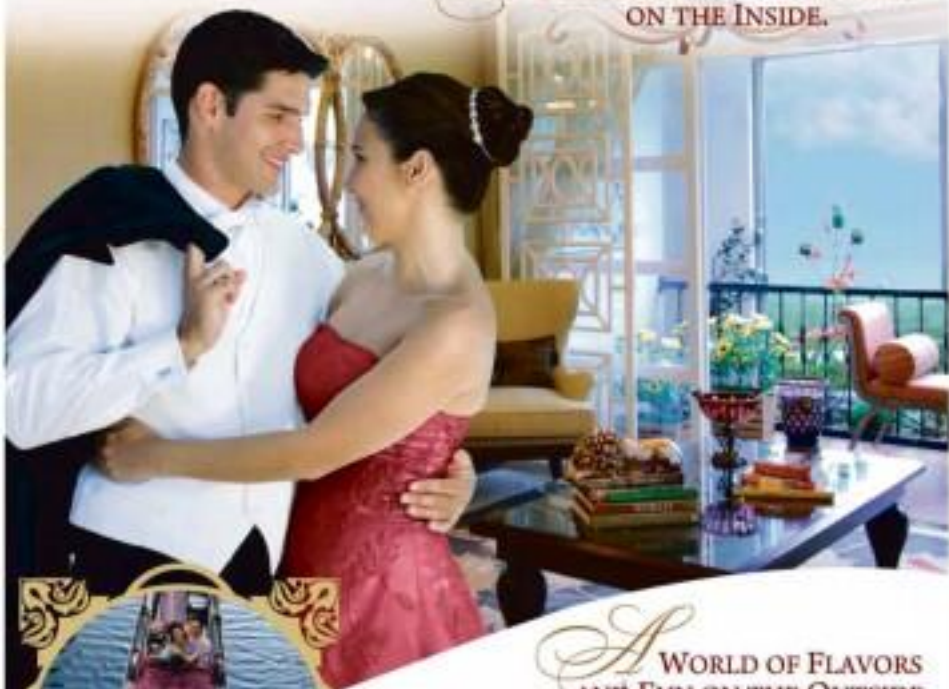


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PPCRV VOTERS' LIST CLEANUP PROJECT

247 flying voters exposed

By Tim C. Santos

THE ELECTION Registration Board (ERB) of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) has disqualified 247 voter applicants in Barangay San Lorenzo, Makati City, after they were discovered to be flying voters.

Their disqualification came last month before the conduct of synchronized barangay and Sanggunian Kabataon (SK) elections earlier.

Earlier, volunteers of the Makati Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) in Barangay San Lorenzo checked the application of the 247 people for inclusion in the voters' list after they were found to be residents of San Lorenzo and Legarda Villages.

Voters' list cleaning projects

Makati City, a PPCRV volunteer who took part in the voters' list cleaning project, said the 247 applicants were found to have listed down fake addresses linked up to legal residence addresses.

"The project aims to flush flying voters, bogus voters, multiple registrations and to uncover other irregularities in the computerized voters' list which will render the barangay elections vulnerable to systemic fraud," he said. "The promise to the honest and credible elections."

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Tankers, fire trucks ready to deliver water

By Mike Colla

LOCAL officials in the states of California, Malawi and Minnesota have placed their water tankers and fire trucks on standby as they think they could be used to deliver water to areas affected by the temporary shutdown of Angel hydroelectric power plant.

In Malawi, four fire trucks were ready to be dispatched anytime to areas where residents were in need of water, according to Philip Phiso, the city government's public information officer. Malawi's National Fire Service has also announced that several tankers in California, Malawi, Minnesota, San Francisco and Ontario City would be dispatched for use as fire trucks starting Sept. 18 due to the ongoing impact of the Angel power plant. In California, a fire truck is also on standby for the Malawi Bureau of Fire and that they had yet to receive a request for assistance because the water supply in the city area will remain.

Other Malawi public information officer of Malawi City government, said the hope is that their water trucks and water tankers will be on standby in Barangay General de Luna to provide fire water to residents. In California, a fire truck is also on standby for the Malawi Bureau of Fire and that they had yet to receive a request for assistance because the water supply in the city area will remain.

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S&P sees surge in investments, exports for RP, et al.

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Shares closed lower

LOCAL STOCKS ended the day with a mixed picture as investors poured funds from sales of the peso and the stock market.

The stock market closed at 12.78 points or 0.21 percent down at 611.35.

All sectors experienced a decline except for the telecommunications sector which managed to also not be affected by the peso.

At the Philippine Stock Exchange, the PSE Composite Index closed at 611.35, down 0.21 percent from 612.56.

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By Michelle N. Romo

SOME OF Southeast Asia's top economies will not only recover from the ill effects of last year's financial crisis but may even post strong gains, topping most expectations, according to Standard & Poor's.

In its latest report, S&P recognized the robust performance of five economies in Southeast Asia, citing in particular their average growth of 7.7 percent in the first semester of the year.

Apart from the Philippines, other countries included in Southeast Asia, citing in particular their average growth of 7.7 percent in the first semester of the year.

The credit rating firm said the favorable performance of the five economies is

due to the Philippines' growth rate in 2009 of 7.7 percent—its highest in over three decades.

Philippine economic managers said that, because of the strong first-half performance, they would have to review the country's official growth target for 2010, believing that the actual figure could be higher than the 8.4 percent target.

“Fiscal and monetary policy stimulus has been a key growth driver for the Asian 5... and some several Asian economies are highly export-dependent, increased demand for the region's goods has also helped growth,” said Ali, whose comments were published in the credit rating firm's statement.

Low interest rates led to an increase in bank loans which, in turn, spurred companies and in-

Meralco consumers may see drop in power bills

By Amy K. Nolas

CHINA'S CHINA POWER DISCO Co. may expect their power bills to decline in 2010.

The cost of electricity that Meralco receives from independent power producers (IPPs) continued to drop, the distributor utility supplied.

IPP power rates fell by an average of 12 percent per megawatt-hour, said Chinese Power Philippines Co. (CPPL) reporting the biggest reduction of almost 30 percent per MWh.

The cost of Meralco's own power—its 1,000-megawatt San Rito and the 100-MW San Lorenzo natural gas-fired power plants—also

decreased by 9 and 6.5 percent per MWh, respectively.

The reduced rates are expected to spur a drop in generation charges, which currently accounts for about 60 percent of a customer's average monthly power bill. This change goes directly to the distributor utility's power suppliers and not to Meralco.

The reduction in IPP rates is largely due to the higher capacity factor of all three IPPs, resulting in lower fixed cost per kWh.

Capacity factor, or dispatch, refers to the capacity of these facilities to generate electricity.

The supply month of September, the capacity factor of CPPL, San Rito and San



RP seeks to ratchet up trade relations with US

By Miguel L. Ho

ATTORNEY GENERAL Aquino recently secured more than \$2 billion in bank investments from American firms, the Department of Trade and Industry had an aim to further strengthen the country's trade and investment ties with the United States.

Trade Undersecretary Adnan Cristobal Jr. said this could be achieved through the existing Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA), or the country's possible accession to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement.

He covered these initiatives in the US government during a recent meeting with American US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer.

“The meeting was fruitful and hopeful of expanding Philippine-US trade and in-

vestment relations. Both sides desire to build on the momentum of goodwill generated by the Aquino administration, and we are ready to work to expand the economic ties between the Philippines and the United States,” Cristobal said in a statement.

To facilitate the expansion of trade and investments between the two countries, Cristobal and Lighthizer discussed various bilateral matters, including the United States' interests in intellectual property rights, labor issues, trade, energy, and economic institutions.

The Philippines side, represented by Aquino, expressed its interest in participating in the TPP.

“However, the Philippines will need to conduct certain studies, engage in extensive consultations with the govern-

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ALI puts up REIT company

SkyCable sees 15% profit growth in '10

NEW YORK—Broadcasting and SkyCable Inc. is set to post double-digit growth in profit this year due to the continued expansion of its subscriber base and the stronger performance of its cable and satellite services. The growth of its broadcast services, which contributed 33 percent to total revenue, would also help boost its net income for the year, SkyCable vice president for marketing Rodriguez told analysts.

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By David C. Dunne

LOCAL PROPERTY giant Asia Land Inc. is setting up a REIT to raise and manage commercial real estate assets. The company is set to launch the REIT in the second quarter of 2011, according to a spokesman. The REIT will focus on commercial real estate assets, including office buildings, retail centers and industrial properties. The company is currently in the process of identifying potential assets to include in the REIT. The REIT will be managed by a separate entity, which will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the REIT. The company is currently in the process of identifying potential assets to include in the REIT. The REIT will be managed by a separate entity, which will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the REIT.

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Commentary by David C. Dunne



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The real (friendly?) battle of the chefs

8 culinary celebs in the same kitchen doing 8-course meal—Prince Albert Rotisserie dinner seat should be the hottest ticket in town next week

By Jessica Polo
 Contributor

THE BKA was like literally playing with fire but the challenge of having able to pull it off was irresistible. Would I be able to coordinate eight celebrity chefs to work in the same kitchen for one night?

Gender-wise, that would be seven males and a single female. In terms of nationality, that would be four French, one Irish, one Spanish, one German and one Filipino. In terms of age, that would be eight.

Undaunted, I proceeded to pursue them

with phone calls, e-mail and text messages over the two hours. It wasn't a piece of cake as they all had their own restaurants and other business commitments to run, and for some—personal differences to resolve.

But working for the benefit of the Club's 50th and WWF Philippines as a focus in InterContinental Manila, both "dinner stars" and "springboard" in culinary studies, were two good reasons they could not ignore.

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John Mayer and Stanley Jordan, both tomorrow night



TWO CONCERTS happening simultaneously to commemorate night-night post problems for said music fans.

Those who love both pop-rock and jazz will have to decide whom to watch: John Mayer at the 2010 Hall of Fame open grounds (all 815-9999), or Stanley Jordan at the Apollo Museum (all 777-7117 or 210).

Mayer-composer Mayer could be the bigger contemporary music act to watch the country after Justin Timberlake, Beyoncé and the Black Eyed Peas.

SHOW TIME

Jordan, on the other hand, is a rock star in his own right—inspired by some sparse scores of the world's best guitarists, and acknowledged by the industry for his innovative "tapping" technique.

Both artists went to music school—Mayer attending Berklee College in Boston, then only for two semesters, and Jordan earning a BA in digital music composition at Princeton University in New Jersey. Learning to become the "King of the Blues" in the 1960s, Jordan was once winning the Grammy's Best Male Pop Vocal Performance award for "Your Lady Is a Revolutionary." Mayer collaborated with renowned bluesmen B.B. King, Buddy Guy and Eric Clapton, and formed the John Mayer Trio.

While studying at Princeton, Jordan got to play with revered jazz figures Herbie Hancock and Chick Corea, who both accomplished both guitar, composition and leadership, and later with saxophonist Herbie Hancock and composer-arranger-producer Quincy Jones.

Mayer went on to win three Grammys for his commercially successful and critically acclaimed 2006 album "Continuum." He later released "The New Acoustic," featuring collaborations with other artists, including "Half of Me," with Taylor Swift as back-up vocals. Jordan, who also plays the piano and is a four-time Grammy nominee, has released 13 albums, including 1987's "Major Work," which contained covers of the Beatles, Miles Davis, The Doors, Frank Sinatra and Jimi Hendrix, and was described by a critic as "one of the absolute masterpieces of modern jazz guitar." His most recent record, the all-original "State of Mind," came out in 2008.

The high-profile Mayer has less of a fan base, but he's got more than enough and playing great well.

The low-profile Jordan has a cult following because of the way he uses his two hands to play melodies and chords at the same time on the fretboard. He can even play on two different guitars, also at the same time.

Jay Park at SXK

Another X-Pop act, Jay Park, is performing on Sat. 9 at the SXK Concert on campus, Off of Main Campus, from 8-10.



QUINCY JONES-composed Stanley Jordan



Jordan, the former American man born and raised in Illinois, Philadelphia. He was the leader and founding member of the South Korean band Beatbox. He went solo in 2008, signed with Warner Music, and has released a successful Korean version of his hit "Wonder the Way."



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'Sound of Music' on Oprah

LEGENDS...

The music of "The Sound of Music" are reuniting for the first time in 45 years, with Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer joining their former fictional children in an October appearance on Oprah Winfrey's TV talk show, producers and as themselves.

Andrews, Plummer, Chastain Gave (Lara), and the actors who played the

in other was Trapp family children will talk about making the 1965 Oscar-winning movie and their lives since it went on to become one of the most popular movie musicals ever.

The reunion will be broadcast on Oct. 29 on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Winfrey, 47-year-old, said,

Some of the real Trapp children, who lived

the world performing songs made famous by the movie, will also appear and pay tribute to the film on the TV show.

"The Sound of Music" won the Oscar, including Best Picture, and in contrast to losing his life "My Favorite Thing" and "Tales from the Vienna Woods" in the film, having gone the same 12 years.

The movie is broadcast regularly on television and has won four times in the past, but never in the same way.

Cost and roles of the film or former child actors have come together in the past, but writers, many Andrews, 74, who played the non-fictional non-traditional governess Maria, and Plummer, now 81, the von Trapp family man, who lived in the family home of American-born World War II. Andrews



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